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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 887
By Dixon

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Nathan Burton on his service as a staff member of the Fiscal Review Committee of the Tennessee General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize and commend those public servants who have committed themselves, through their distinguished service, to the betterment of the legislative process and their fellow citizens of this great state; and

WHEREAS, Nathan Burton is one such remarkable individual who is a dedicated professional and has served well the needs of this Body and the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, born on December 17, 1970, Nathan is the product of two families that have provided honorable and astute service to many communities, including his paternal grandfather, William Oscar George, Jr., who served as County Treasurer of Tazewell County, Virginia, and was a Farm Bureau Agent who managed a local office while raising beef cattle and sheep; his paternal grandmother, Anne Blythe Alexander George, a native of Franklin and a public school teacher; his maternal grandmother, Marie Carter Burton, who was an elementary school teacher in Lebanon; his mother, Martha Ann George Burton, who is a teacher in the Metropolitan

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Nashville Public School System; his father, Roderic Nathaniel Burton, who is a retired professor and Department Head of the Tennessee State University Department of Social Work and Aging; and his uncle, Fred Anthony Burton, Sr., who retired after serving as Vice Mayor and City Councilman of the City of Lebanon for sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, until age six, Nathan lived with his family in the Bordeaux area of Nashville; in 1976, Nathan, his parents, and his brothers, Quintin Nathaniel and Roderic Marthel, moved to a home in Hermitage where his parents continue to reside; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burton was educated in the Metropolitan Nashville Public School System at Dodson Elementary School, Donelson Junior High School, and McGavock Comprehensive High School; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, he enrolled at Tennessee Technological University, where he became an extremely active member of the campus community; he served as a Student Senator in 1990-91, Student Government Association Treasurer in 1991-92, and SGA President in 1992-93, in which capacity he played an instrumental role in helping to pass liquor by the drink in Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, having been actively involved with the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature, he served as a Delegate to the House of Representatives in 1990-91 and Chief of Staff to the Governor in 1991-92 and 1992-93; and

WHEREAS, while a student, Nathan first became involved with Tennessee state government when he was nominated by Chancellor Otis Floyd of the Tennessee Board of Regents and selected by Governor Ned McWherter to serve as one of three Student Regents to the Tennessee Board of Regents in 1991-92; and

WHEREAS, a budding leader, Nathan is a graduate of INROADS Nashville, a part of a national intern training program with a mission of developing and training talented minority youth in business and industry and preparing them for corporate and community leadership; and

WHEREAS, he began his full-time career in the financial services industry in 1989 as an INROADS intern with First American Bank, a career which culminated in a progression of promotions ultimately leading him to serve as Vice President prior to his departure from First American in December of 1998; and

WHEREAS, on December 28, 1998, Mr. Burton began his distinguished service with the Fiscal Review Committee; since that time, he has contributed countless hours of work and tireless service to this Body as a Fiscal Analyst, performing financial analyses and writing fiscal notes for bills that affect the Department of Finance and Administration, Department of Revenue, Department of Transportation, and Department of Economic and Community Development; and

WHEREAS, he has provided invaluable staff assistance to the Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee, House Finance, Ways, and Means Committee, and Joint Select Committee on Business Taxes and has served numerous times as Minister of the Day to the Tennessee State Senate; and

WHEREAS, he has also served as a staff member of the Tobacco Settlement Health Fund Ad Hoc Committee and Tobacco Settlement Agricultural Fund Committee, helping to compile testimony and draft recommendations for the use of monies received by the State pursuant to the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Nathan Burton not only has worked diligently to serve the members of the Tennessee General Assembly, but is also involved in the community and serves as a member of numerous community and civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, he has served as Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Nashville's Table, a non-profit organization whose mission is to rescue perishable food from those in abundance and deliver it at no cost to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Nathan has continued to promote the mission of his alma mater by serving Tennessee Technological University as a Trustee on the TTU College of Business

Administration Foundation and a member of the Board of Directors of the National Alumni Association, which he served as Treasurer in 1996-97, Vice President in 1997-98, and President in 1998-99 and 1999-2000; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mr. Burton is a member of the First Baptist Church of Franklin, where he serves as a Deacon and member of the Pastor's Leadership Team and teaches a single parents' class and Beginner's Corner, a class for first graders; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2002, Nathan Burton will begin a new career with 1Point Administrative Services as the Director of Marketing, in which position he will be responsible for helping to develop a mutual fund company and a community bond church fund; and

WHEREAS, his departure from this Body leaves a void that will not easily be filled, and he is deserving of our deepest thanks and special recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Nathan Burton for his outstanding service to the Tennessee General Assembly and to the citizens of Tennessee and wish him much success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.